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TOPIC Field Exercises in Letzling Heath

EVALUATION 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED 25X1

DATE OF CONTENT 25 to 29 September 1952

DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 22 October 1952

REFERENCES 25X1

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REMARKS

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1. Detrainings observed at the Mahlwinkel (M 53/Y 72) railroad station during the period from 27 to 29 September 1952 included:

25X1 27 September. At 6 p.m., 48 trucks with 2 trailers [redacted]
 25X1 and 200 to 250 men, wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with
 25X1 motor transport insignia.
 25X1 28 September. At 3 p.m., 14 trucks [redacted]
 25X1 [redacted] and about 120 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets.
 25X1 29 September. At noon, 6 BA-64 armored reconnaissance cars, 3 sidecar motorcycles,
 25X1 2 sedans, 1 jeep and 30 trucks, [redacted]
 25X1 [redacted] and an undetermined number of troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets.
 25X1 At 1 p.m., 12 x 122-mm field howitzers, 30 trucks [redacted]
 25X1 [redacted] and about 180 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The unit
 left in the direction of the woods west of the railroad station. [redacted]
 the number of vehicles assembled in the woods in the afternoon of the same day
 at about 800.

2. [redacted] 50 carloads of ammunition were
 unloaded at the Angern-Rogaetz railroad station on 28 September. A total of
 about 3,000 boxes, 60 x 50 x 80 cm. was involved. On 25 September, [redacted] 25X1
 25X1 63 trucks, [redacted] and soldiers wearing red-bordered
 black epaulets in the wooded area between Jerchel and Solpke. On the same day,
 an empty train of 30 flatcars, 10 boxcars and 8 35y-type flatcars was observed
 at the Vinzelberg railroad station. The bridge over the Elbe River near Tanger-
 muende was blocked at 4 p.m. [redacted] a military
 bridge was built over the Elbe River near Sandfurt (M 53/Y 32) on 28 September. *

Comment. The detrainings, which primarily involved units of the Third
 Shock Army from Schwerin but probably also elements of the 6th Arty Div,
 indicated that the fall maneuvers of the Third Shock Army, which began in the
 Letzling Heath-Rathenow-Havelberg area about 23 September, still continued on
 29 September. [redacted] The previous assumption that the main
 efforts of these maneuvers would be centered on the Elbe River was on the
 whole confirmed by this report. [redacted]
 [redacted] the troops observed in the northwestern section of Letzling Heath
 also belonged to the Third Shock Army.

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